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SUBJECT: COUNTERINSURGENCY PROGRAMS

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN RESPONDING TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN POSED TO AID BY MOORHEAD SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

QUESTION: QUOTE HAVE THERE EVER BEEN OR ARE THERE NOW ANY EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS IN SELECTED DISTRICTS IN NORTHEAST THAILAND DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY AND/OR NEUTRALIZE THE COMMUNIST TERRORIST INFRASTRUCTURE? IF SO, HOW MANY DOLLARS AND AMERICAN PERSONNEL (OF WHAT AGENCIES) ARE INVOLVED? IN WHAT WAYS DOES SUCH A PROGRAM RESEMBLE THE PHOENIX OPERATION IN VIETNAM? UNQUOTE

QUESTION: QUOTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH DOD OFFICIALS, CAN YOU CONFIRM REPORTS THAT THE U.S. MISSION IN THAILAND HAS APPROVED AND/OR ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR A NEW ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT COUNTERINSURGENCY PROGRAM IN THE NORTHEAST? SPECIFICALLY, IS THERE ANY PLANNING FOR AMERICAN FUNDS TO BE USED

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TO DEVELOP MORE PROVINCE AND DISTRICT LEVEL REACTION
CAPABILITY BY EITHER MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY FORCES? WHAT
IS THE PROJECTED COST TO THE THAI AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS?
HOW MANY AMERICAN PERSONNEL WILL BE INVOLVED? END QUOTE

2. PLEASE REPLY BY COB MARCH 25. KISSINGER

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